

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

<b>EDDIE L. NEELY, JR.,</b>	)	
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<b>Petitioner,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>1:12CV1061</b>
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<b>MS. SUSAN WHITE, et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Respondent.</b>	)	

**ORDER AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Petitioner, a prisoner of the State of North Carolina, has submitted a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for writ of habeas corpus by a person in state custody. For the following reasons, the Petition cannot be further processed.

1. Filing fee was not received, nor was an affidavit to proceed *in forma pauperis* submitted and signed by Petitioner.
2. Petitioner has failed to indicate that state court remedies have been exhausted. [28 U.S.C. § 2254(b).] In fact, Petitioner indicates in § 12 of his Petition that he has not raised his claims in state court at all. Petitioner must exhaust his remedies in state court before this Court can consider granting relief.

Because of these pleading failures, the Petition should be filed and then dismissed, without prejudice to Petitioner filing a new petition on the proper habeas corpus forms with the \$5.00 filing fee, or a completed application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, once he has exhausted his claim in state court. The Court has no authority to toll the statute of limitation, therefore it continues to run, and Petitioner must act quickly if he wishes to pursue this petition. See Spencer v. Sutton, 239 F.3d 626 (4th Cir. 2001). To further aid Petitioner, the

Clerk is instructed to send Petitioner a new application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, new § 2254 forms, and instructions for filing a § 2254 petition, which Petitioner should follow once he has exhausted his state court remedies.

*In forma pauperis* status will be granted for the sole purpose of entering this Order and Recommendation.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that *in forma pauperis* status is granted for the sole purpose of entering this Order and Recommendation. The Clerk is instructed to send Petitioner § 2254 forms, instructions, and a current application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that this action be filed, but then dismissed *sua sponte* without prejudice to Petitioner filing a new petition which corrects the defects of the current Petition after he has exhausted his state court remedies.

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/s/ L. Patrick Auld  
**L. Patrick Auld**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**

Date: September 27, 2012